



# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.  
**Opening Hours:** Monday: 10am to 3pm  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm  
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

## Christmas / New Year Break

The branch rooms will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period.

Last day for 2014: Saturday 13 December

First day for 2015: Monday 19 January



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Feb 2015

## Merry Christmas

The branch committee would like to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2015!



Please note that there is no branch meeting in December.

The next branch meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

**Convenor:** John Berntsen 753 9188  
**Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045  
**Treasurer:** Neville Richards

**Committee:** Judy Berntsen  
 Margaret Gregory  
 Charles Le Breton  
 Ailsa McCrone  
 Bev Mulqueen

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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

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### Last Event: Hooked on Genealogy Tour

At the November branch meeting, Sharyn Guthrie and Karen Crowe talked about their recent genealogy tour to USA and UK.

Sharyn and Karen were on the 2014 Hooked on Genealogy Tour run by Jan Gow. These tours have run since 1992 and specialise on visiting some of the best family history places in the world. Jan is a world renowned genealogist, and provides personal guidance and assistance with research before and during the tour.

They spent three weeks at Salt Lake City, researching at the LDS family history centre there. This is probably the biggest family history research centre in the world, and a great place to do your research.

The tour also included 10 days each in London and Edinburgh, visiting various places that hold historical records useful for genealogy research.



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### Summer timetable

The branch will be taking a break over the Christmas / New Year period. The branch rooms will be closed for this period.

Last day 2014                                  Saturday 13 Dec

First day 2015                                    Monday 19 Jan

The first branch meeting for 2015 will be on Tuesday, 3 February 2015. David Harop will talk about writing his book about the Wanganui Maxwells.

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### Branch Christmas Dinner

The branch Christmas dinner will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday 9 December 2014. This will be at the Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street.

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### Convenor's Report

Well this is my last Convenor's report for the year. Another month over and only one more month to go and it is Christmas. Where has the time gone to.

All those who came last month to our branch meeting, I hope you all enjoyed the talk by Sharyn and Karen. I would love to go back to Salt Lake again but I don't have the cash.

Our next function is the Xmas dinner on 9 December at the Fitzroy Golf Club. If you would like to go, it is not too late to book and pay for a table = \$27 per person. All the other years the food has been very good.

The Christmas cake raffle was drawn at the November meeting. Thank you to Neville for donating the cake, and congratulations to Annette for winning the raffle!

And thank you to everyone who donated items for the Christmas hamper raffle. There will be three hampers drawn at the Christmas dinner.

Over the Xmas period, I hope you do more research and knock down those brick walls which have worried you this year. If any of you have a subscription to Find My Past and have not as yet used their newspaper site, it is well worth looking into. I just put in a Surname and the area and lots come up. The same went for Judy, she did the same and got lots of hits.

Well that is all for 2014 and I and the Committee hope you all have a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

See you all in February 2015.

John Berntsen  
Convenor

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### Honeyfield Property 1860s

If anyone has any information in respect of the location of property owned by the Honeyfield family in New Plymouth from the 1860s onward, please contact me. A descendant has requested this for a family reunion early next year. Thanks.

Lea Bellini

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### Unidentified Photo





## Library Roster: December / January

Monday 10 am to 3 pm  
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Mon 1 Charles Le Breton / Bev Mulqueen  
Wed 3 Jill Harvey  
Sat 6 Mike Merrick  
Mon 8 Ailsa McCrone / Syd-Cela Beale  
Tues 9 Christmas Dinner  
at the Fitzroy Golf Club  
Wed 10 Fay Eaton  
Sat 13 Karen Crowe

Library closed for Christmas/New Year

January 2015

Mon 19 Lorraine Austin / Anne Brophy  
Wed 21 Jill Jackson  
Sat 24 Marilyn Armistead  
Mon 26 Peter Winter / Annette Larsen  
Tues 27 Committee meeting 7pm  
Wed 28 Judy Berntsen  
Sat 31 Elly Harrison

For those new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

## Beginning Genealogy

There will be no beginning genealogy sessions in December or January. The next session is planned for February 2015. Look for details in the February newsletter.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Armitstead.

## Donations

The branch gratefully acknowledges the donation by David Broom of several CDs of UK census records, 1841 – 1891.

## Empty Printer Cartridges

Please bring your empty printer cartridges in to the branch rooms. These can be either ink jet or laser cartridges, but **we can only use HP or Canon types of cartridges.**

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.



## Library News

If you have any library books or magazines out on loan, please return these by 13 December.

Magazines received;

Memories (Dec/Jan)

Family Tree (Dec)

Who do you think you are (Nov)



Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington

## Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at [peter.hewett@gmail.com](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

